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The Howard University Record

The January number of the University Record is out in the form of a very attractive Alumni Issue. The Record is published in January, March, June and November, and gives valuable information concerning the University, and acquainting the many readers with the affairs of the school. Some of the articles of the Alumni Number follow:

Dr. Kelly Miller was elected Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at the meeting of the Board of Trustees, January 21.

The half-million-dollar Hospital is being furnished. The medical staff will be one of the finest in the country.

The Trustees have matured plans for raising \$75,000 on the new Science building. The Alumni Committee is at work in plans to raise \$25,000 pledges to make up \$100,000. The building will contain laboratories, lecture rooms, storage rooms for apparatus, also rooms for specimens to be used in Physics, Chemistry, Biology, and Geology, as well as special Medical laboratories.

Howard University Alumni have an extended list of authors and many have become prominent in the field of science—directors of scientific work being in increasing demand of late years.

Of the great number of Alumni who are filling places of distinction and bringing credit both to themselves and to their Alma Mater we have only space to mention a few.

Mr. James A. Cobb, Law '01, was lately named by President Roosevelt as special assistant to United States Attorney for the District of Columbia.

Judge Robert H. Terrell, Law '89, has shown himself a jurist, learned in the law and having all the requisites to meet the demands of his important office as city magistrate.

Hon. Judson W. Lyons, Law '80, has played an important part in politics, having served as Register of the U. S. Treasury for eight years.

Hon. D. Augustus Straker, LL. D., Law '72, is Circuit Court Commissioner in Mich., and an author of some distinction.

Dr. Crum '80 is Collector of Customs of the Port of Charleston, S. C.

Among Howard Alumni in New York are Rev. W. H. Brooks, D. D., pastor of St. Mark's M. E. Church; Prof. Jas. M. Gregory, Principal of Bordentown College; Councillor Francis F. Giles and Dr. F. M. Jacobs, of Brooklyn; Rev. Geo. Frazier Miller, rector of St. Augustine's Church, Brooklyn.

In St. Louis may be found sons of Howard doing excellent work as doctors, dentists, pharmacists, ministers, and as teachers in the High School.

The "Howard Colony" in Baltimore is probably the largest in the country, with the exception of that in Washington. Howard has furnished Baltimore the majority of her practitioners in the legal and medical professions—having educated ten out of her fifteen lawyers; twelve out of eighteen physicians, three out of seven dentists and one out of three pharmacists. Nearly one-fourth of the members of the faculty of the Colored High and Training School are also Howard graduates.

The above mentioned, however, are only a small percentage of the Howardites who are spreading the influence of their Alma Mater throughout the country, and who have done no small part in helping the Negro to become as President Roosevelt said at the recent installation, "a citizen who has made better than good."

Death of A. D. Tate, Col. '07

A shadow of sadness was cast over the faculty and students alike, on Saturday afternoon when news came of the death of Alexander Delaney Tate, which occurred at Lake Providence La., on Saturday morning.

Mr. Tate came to the University nearly ten years ago from Jackson, Mississippi, and entered the Preparatory Department (now Academy). Like many others of our students Mr. Tate's way was not always easy, having to undergo some hardship and heroic sacrifices in order to provide himself with the means for an education. But always buoyed up by a strong determination and healthy optimism he kept resolutely on, overcoming obstacles and working his way into the confidence and esteem of those with whom he came in contact.

Graduating from the Preparatory Department in 1903, he entered the College Department that same fall and graduated last spring. In September last he entered Union Theological Seminary in New York City.

He had been at the seminary but a few weeks when news came to his friends at Howard that he had contracted a severe cold and had been compelled to enter the Presbyterian Hospital of that city. All information concerning his condition was eagerly sought by his schoolmates and friends, and not until shortly before Christmas did they realize that his illness was likely to prove fatal. As soon as he was able to be moved he went to Lake Providence, La., where his brother resides and where it was hoped he might regain his health; but the ravages of the disease had taken too deep a hold on him and, on Saturday morning, Feb. 1st, he passed away.

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The Autobiography of a College Girl

A PAINFUL INCIDENT

MY mother, you must know, was a person of advanced ideas, and as I was the first child, I also was a fine object for experimenting on. One of her pet theories was that all children should be raised by moral suasion—that, in direct opposition of Solomon's advice "to spare the rod and spoil the child," whipping was an abomination.

As a matter of fact, between you and me the gate post, I was not, and never shall be, a fit object for experimenting with pet theories. When one uses them on me, no matter how nice they come out with other folks, they somehow don't materialize in my case.

Well, one day when I was quite young—shall I tell my age, or not?—my mother had just bought a new book on child nature, to add to her store of a hundred or more. She had been reading it all day and I knew from sad experience that that meant "danger ahead" for me.

Now, all that day three had been a man painting the house next door which adjoined our lot, and in order to finish it, he had to come over in our yard. He left his paints and went away for a while. Mother warned me, positively, on pain of losing my supper, not to touch his paints. Being a direct descendant of Eve, how could I help touching them? Soon I had a regular batter of all sorts of paints mixed in.

A bright idea came to me, of decorating the neighbor's house. I did this, making all kinds of lovely pictures of men, women, houses and dogs,—in fact anything that my artistic skill could do. I was in the midst of an intensely interesting and realistic representation of a horse and his rider, when I heard an exclamation. I turned to see my mother the picture of horror, standing at

the door. I felt a sort of presentiment of what was coming, but boldly went to her, when she called me. Sternly she bade me go and be washed and not to touch her—I was painted from toes to head. I went off blithely, not thinking all was over. To my horror how I was then lacking in vision.

When I had been completely washed and made all clean, my mother, taking me by the hand, led me gently upstairs to my room. After telling me how displeased she was with her little girl, she told me I must stay there all night and that I was not to have any dinner. I grew doleful and began to beg off, but she would not, and I felt still more alone when I heard the key turn in the lock.

I sat down on the floor and was crying my apron full of tears, when I looked up and caught sight of something that filled my soul with joy. Up I leapt, my tears forgotten. Columbus never felt as proud as I did then, at my discovery. It was simply Mother's hat, lying there with its ostrich plumes, newly arrived from the milliner's. It gave me the idea of playing Indian, with those plumes in my hair—and with this as a starting point, I soon had all sorts of ideas to help me out.

I reddened my face in streaks with her nail polish, I daubed powder all over it, too, and I got her curling irons fastened in my hair, I remember, when trying to fix up a head dress. I tore the plumes off the hat, got a shawl from some where, and fixed it on my grimy little person, for a train—my pet ambition. My! such strutting as I was doing! Mother's bracelets and chains—everything I could find and possibly wear—were strung all over me.

At last, when my dressing was over, I stood before the pier glass, calmly admiring the picture I made. I strutted up and down, back and forth, like a little peacock, to see how my train acted. I was

adjusting this, which did not act just right, when I felt something behind me. O ye gods and little children, you have the way of the world as very hard—I found myself alone.

I was so busy thinking that I must have been alone, I came in to put on my nightgown and found her room empty. I was going solemnly down stairs, when I saw her in my hair. I turned back to find her over-riding me, and she said the camel's back was too high. Well, here it was, and my mother was standing before me. I beg you—don't say I didn't fully curtain over the end of the train, and suffice it to say that from that time on my mother had no more the books on child nature, but had frequent recourse to the supper.

E. O. H., '09.

The Basket Ball League

The third of the series of Basket Ball games was played at 'True Reformers' Hall, Main Auditorium, last Saturday night, Feb. 1st. This being "Ladies' Night," the hall was taxed to its utmost capacity. It seems that the Association, realising the fact that wherever the young ladies go, there you will find the young men also, very cheerfully issued complimentary tickets to the young ladies of Howard, M Street, and Armstrong Manual Training Schools, and it worked like magic, for followers who were never known to attend such games were there on the front row.

The first teams on the floor were M Street and Howard College. Between these two teams for some reason or other, friendly rivalry seems to run high. So much ginger was put into the plays that the crowd was continually brought to its feet, and the house fairly rang with cheers and applause whenever

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The Manual Arts Departments—J

PRINTING

THE course in Printing as given at the Howard University School of Manual Arts has been established as a course in Manual Training, with the idea of teaching the student the fundamental principles of the printer's art.

The training of the mind is the paramount aim of the course—the training of the hand and eye follow inseparably.

The course is not by any means founded on the idea of teaching the printing trade, for it would be impossible to do so in a course of about thirty two hour periods. To master the printer's trade requires an apprenticeship of at least four years of constant application. Furthermore, it is not the purpose of any feature of manual training work to teach a trade.

To give the student a knowledge of printers' tools and materials, and names and terms, is a necessary part of the instruction, as are the mechanical processes of the printing office.

Practice in spelling, punctuation, capitalization, division of words, correction of errors in composition, etc., is also necessary. And this practice prepares a student for writing for publication in a manner intelligible to the printer and to his readers.

Typesetting develops a keen eye and a quick mind and hand. Accuracy is of utmost importance in the printing office, and the habit of accuracy here acquired will go with the student through life.

Other features of the work cultivate ideas of harmony and systematic arrangement (for example, job composition, etc.)

The instructor's aim is not to send out at the close of the year students who are practical printers, able to go into remunerative positions in printing offices—it would be expecting the impossible to expect that. It is his aim, how-

ever, to train our classes of young men whose minds (and hands and eyes) are trained to be quick and accurate; and who, whether they become doctors, lawyers, ministers, teachers or business men, or enter other work, will be more capable, because of the course in Printing, to meet the world's demand for trained minds, with eyes and hands responsive to mind.

The equipment of the Printing Department consists of three presses (two job presses and one cylinder press, a No. 4 Optimus, latest model,) a varied assortment of type, and the necessary imposing stones, proof press, paper cutter and other appurtenances of a printing office.

Following is a brief outline of the course as it is now being carried out:

1. The lay of the case, and the use of the stick. Typesetting: methods of saving time and increasing speed, rules in headings, indentation, etc. The point system. Comparison of bodies and faces of type of different kinds.

2. Fitting proofs. Reading proof. Correcting "days."

3. Making up forms. The press—making ready, impression, ink, etc.: press reading; care of the press.

4. Job composition. Harmony of faces, the use of display, of rules, border, ornaments, etc.

5. Carrying a job to completion—from copy to finished job.

RALPH W. NORRIS.

A Dissertation on Idlers

Among the many things which have had their share in forming world wide questions, in making topics for discussion and subject matter for thought, the idler has had his share and comes to claim his portion when praise for service is meted out.

Whether or not an idler is to be accosted or venerated, is the form that the discussion has taken and for every bitter invective that has been hurled against idlers an equally sweet and noble defense has wiggled its way into existence. It does indeed seem an accusation against idlers would be an idle accusation and a defense of an idler

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would be an idle defense, but, strange as it may seem, this one question has brought forth as much logic and philosophy, antagonism and sympathy, as any question that has ever engaged the public attention.

Those who decry the idler argue that he is a menace and hindrance to whatever community he may fall into, that he is no good to himself and a detriment to everyone else with whom he may come in contact, that he contains no good but originates and propagates all evil; that doing and accomplishing nothing himself he finds his greatest pastime in hindering those who would accomplish something, thus making himself a burden on humanity and a stumbling block in the path of progress.

On the other hand the defenders of idlers advance a line of argument like this,—“Idleness kills time, time is money, money is the root of all evil; therefore, idleness destroys the root of all evil and is the boon of mankind.” Probably the ablest apology for idlers is that by Robert Louis Stevenson and I think that all chronic idlers should get together and erect a tomb to the man who has so ably championed their cause. He says that

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Advice to Beginners in Track Athletics

By W. J. Cartmel, Capt. Univ. of Penn.
Track Team

THE best advice to a beginner is to be regular in everything. This applies to work on the track, eating, sleeping, and study. Have a time set for everything you do, and then do it, in spite of any and all opposition. Perhaps the best example of this point is to be found at the United States Naval Academy and the United States Military Academy.

At each of these schools the life is regular in every detail, year in and year out, and no healthier class of young men is to be found in the world. Eat regularly, train

regularly, sleep regularly, and do everything regularly, and little worry will have to be given to the kind of food to eat, the amount of sleep to take, and whether tobacco and alcohol are good for you. They will then be looked at in the proper light.

There are, of course, certain things to eat and not to eat, just as there are certain things to drink and not to drink, when a boy is in training, yet too much stress has been laid upon these matters. Most people have a pretty good idea of what is right and wrong, but in track athletics, as in law, a great deal of capital has been made in arguing this point.

It is necessary that good, wholesome food should be eaten, but not in over-doses, and that water and milk, when drunk shall aid the runner somewhat in lubrication. Milk is only to be taken lightly, for it has a tendency to make the sprinter slow.

Drink a good deal of water, for few people get enough of this valuable asset to digestion, which is one of the best and healthiest things in the world to consume. Foods that have pastry and sweetness in them should be avoided, for they will only give one an unnecessary load to carry, and alcoholic drinks are not an absolute detriment. Alcohol will stimulate, but by all the laws of nature a reaction is developed with it injury to the athlete, and the same may be said of smoking.

It is wonderful how much has been said and written about foods and drinks for athletes. Do not give this subject much consideration. Eat what is placed before you, barring pastry and sweets, and eat slowly. Pay more attention to mastication than to the kind of food you consume. No athlete owes his success to his particular invention in the kind of food to eat. Condensed meal tablets and all that sort of things are "rot."

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Several of the young men of Clark Hall will have to send home for an additional sum of \$3.00 every month to cover extra expenses made necessary by the new rule, because every time the janitor has to get up to open the door after 11 o'clock p. m. it will cost the culprit a thin dime.

Howard Foolosophy

If a man is afraid to lie out right he begins by saying "They say."

The average student's idea about work is that he is compelled to do too much.

The recent cold wave reminded a number of students of some of the money they threw away last summer when they ought to have bought high shoes and overcoats.

There is very little spiritual heat to be gotten in a cold chapel. This was not the spoken text; this is the lesson we learned at vespers last Sunday.

The only thing that acts more boyish than a boy is a tomboy.

There is hardly any thing which gets on a Howard man's nerves like having his girl remind him how regularly he used to call when he first started going with her.

A poor professor takes more delight in punching his classes than good professor does in instructing them. That's strange.

Bad business is welcome to an optimistic woman for she can blame it on her husband's being cross.

The best place to make your pony is in your head.

Cold cash will cover a multitude of physical and moral defects.

A pound box of candy will win some girls quicker than ten years of upright living or two dozen love letters.

You need not fear an exam if you know how to saddle your pony.

An unattractive woman should study some profession which will bring her into constant contact with the other sex; she may increase her chances of getting a husband.

Men who used to ignore clothes and demand comfort are now running to their tailors crying for shape.

It may be more exertion but it pays better in the long run to develop your shoulders rather than have your tailor develop them.

Death of H. D. Tate

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Mr. Tate will be remembered by all who knew him as an earnest, sincere young man of sterling character and lofty ideals, of faith in God and in man, and a determination to so prepare himself as to be able to contribute his share to the solution of the great problems of life.

At Howard, thru his long stay here, his lively interest in everything that tended toward her uplift and his fidelity to all his trusts and obligations, he had won a place in the hearts of faculty and students that will not soon be forgotten. In literary and debating circles he was always a prominent factor because of his interest, his extensive reading and oratorical ability. While in the Preparatory Department he distinguished himself as a debater, and carried this reputation through his college course. He was an arduous worker in the Y. M. C. A. and Christian Endeavor Societies, having been president of the former during his senior year in college. He was for two years a member of the editorial staff of the University Journal, serving as Business Manager throughout his last year in college. The zeal, the earnestness and the degree of optimism with which he entered upon all his work, together with his marks of ability created in his friends the hope and confidence in the success he would attain in his chosen work, the ministry, for which he was preparing.

The faculty and students of Howard University, together with his many friends in the city join in extending their deepest sympathy to his parents and relatives in this their great bereavement.

Y. M. C. A.

The Y. M. C. A. of Howard University has much to be thankful for, especially the goodly number of young men who are standing up for the right and cultivating a truly moral and manly integrity; which, above all other attainments, helps to keep the image of God before us. The Association has no less than fifty per cent increase in membership and friends for the past year. And with the rising interest set forth there is hope for much that will put our Association in its rightful place of preeminence among other student associations

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work that we shall witness a new era in this particular branch of work about the University. But these young men, who are consecrating their lives to this noble work must have the assistance and co-operation of the Christian young men of the University to assure their success. Let us therefore, rally to their call and try to make our Y. M. C. A. work the leading feature in the religious life of the University.

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Dissertation on Idleness

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Idlers are not necessarily an objectionable class nor necessarily a drawback to the community but may be rather a desirable and a substantial aid to progress. He says that the boy, for instance, who plays truant from school and idles his time away in the woods or traces the course of the wandering brook is coming in contact with nature and learning the lessons which she has to teach first hand while his fellow classmates are digging them from a book; he is getting health and red blood while they are getting round shoulders and becoming easy prey to the ravages of disease; and the beauty of the flowers and of nature in general he is weaving into his makeup sweetening his disposition and broadening his vision while they, driven to the task by the harsh words and threatening rod of the school master, are having their dispositions ruined and are becoming peevish and irritable.

Others advance some theory and say that the idler is apt to go out and mingle with men, learn the

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ways of the world, and by becoming used to living with men, becomes superior to and master of his more diligent contemporaries. Or they might be led to use their ingenuity to aid them to more easily continue in their pursuit of idleness. The genius as a rule is an inveterate idler, but he generally has a great capacity for work under pressure. But it does not follow that every inveterate idler is a genius, and I hope, my gentle reader, that you will not excuse your idleness by supposing yourself a genius for very likely you are not.

But whatever may be said on either side of this question, there has been found on this campus an idler who bids fair to be one of those who will use his ingenuity to get along in the world while he still pursues his chosen paths of idleness. This idler, located away down in the depths of Prepdom cannot forsake his pursuit of idleness long enough to get his lessons while going over them nor long enough to cram on them before examination nor could he bear to repeat them; consequently he has invented a Students' Aid to Examinational Success. This is undoubtedly the most ingenious and unique pony ever conceived by the human mind, and the inventor says it can never fail. So great is his confidence in its reliability that he offers a box of home made candy to any student who tries it and fails and five boxes of the same brand of candy to any teacher or professor who is able to detect it in classroom.

We also see in this young man some prospects for service for he came to the rescue of some of his depressed classmates, and when they had mounted upon this pony they rode on to glory hand in hand.

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The young ladies of M. St. High School wish to play a series of basket ball games with the young ladies of Howard University, and to this end are willing to make arrangement for them to practice for the same. Let us hope to see these games pulled off in the near future.

The Basket Ball League

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a goal would be made by either side. At no time did interest in the game flag. Each team played as though life itself was at stake, and the ball was kept in one territory only for very short intervals. At the end of the first half, the score stood even, both teams having made one basket.

The next teams were Howard Medical and LeDroit Park. It was fairly demonstrated early in the game that the Doctors a la Embryo were too much for the LeDroiters. Skybo and J. B. played a fast game, and threw goals at will. Miller had so much foot ball spirit in him that it was a difficult matter for him to steady himself and was as often on his head as on his feet, to the extreme delight of the crowd. Early in the game both Miller and Cromwell developed a peculiar fondness for each other and lost no opportunity thereafter to show it, so much so that the referee would have to separate them from their friendly embrace and show them the ball. Score first half, Medicos 5, LeDroit 1.

The second half of the first game was even more lively than the first. M Street was determined to roll up a large score and Howard College equally determined that if there must needs be any scoring they themselves would do it. The game was fast and furious. "Chappy" Warricks, playing against Ed Gray, held his own and saved his team from defeat. At no time was either goal in imminent danger. The ball was moved so rapidly that even the referee himself could not keep it well located. Each team made a goal in this half, and later failed to break the tie. It will be played off at some other meet.

The second half of the Medics and the LeDroits was a walk-over for the former. The game ended with a score of 18 to 1 in favor of the Medics.

In addition to these two games

scheduled, the audience was favored with an exhibition game, of two short halves between the Spartans and a picked team, which ended in an easy victory for the Spartans. Score, 13 to 3.

The Spartans did pretty team work and had things their way for the most part, but were rather unfortunate in making baskets. The work of Mr. Henderson was especially fine and highly characteristic of the man. The team work of both M Street and Howard College were excellent. Tommy Warricks and Eddie Gray were the stars for their respective teams.

All the games were clean and well refereed, and much enjoyed by the large crowd that witnessed them. It is safe to expect a large audience every Saturday night, judging from the enthusiasm shown over the last games.

NOTES ON THE PLAYERS

Tommy Warricks made both baskets for the Howard team last Saturday night.

Some thought it was a matter of dumb luck that "Skybo" threw so many baskets last Saturday night but luck does not come that way.

Ed Gray is as fast in a game of basket ball as he is in a game of foot ball or in a 220 hurdle race.

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Goings is always found with his man.

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|----------------------|-----------|-----|------|------|------|
| 1 Armstrong M. T. | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1000 |
| 2 M St. High School | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1000 |
| 3 Howard Academy | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1000 |
| 4 Howard Medical | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1000 |
| 5 Howard College | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 000 |
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